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FIRST ASSEMBLY (FOURTH SESSION)

SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES

**COMMITTEE REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL PROGRESS
REPORT FOR FY 2014/15 UP TO FEBRUARY 2016.**

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1.0 PREFACE

On behalf of the Health Services Committee, pursuant to section 59(1) (d) County government Act, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly, the Committees report on the Departmental Progress report for FY 2014/15 up to February 2016 as required by the law.

1.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

This committee comprises of the following members:-

1. Hon.Bonface Njihia Mbogo	Chairperson
2. Hon.James Benson Kagoni	V.Chairperson
3. Hon.Eliud Gitau Kabuthi	Member
4. Hon.Mary Watiri Kariuki	Member
5. Hon.Joseph Ndung'u Muchina	Member
6. Hon.John Kiarie Ngugi	Member
7. Hon.Peter Murigi Ngugi	Member
8. Hon. James Njoroge Kariuki	Member
9. Hon Peter Kariuki Njogu	Member

STAFF ATTACHED TO THE COMMITTEE

1. Mr. Reuben Maina Assistant Clerk

1.2 COMMITTEE MANDATES

The Departmental Committee on Health and Water Services derives its mandate from provisions of standing order 191 (5) which outline functions of the

1. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;
2. Study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
3. Study and review all legislation referred to it;
4. Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
5. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;
6. To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments) ; and
7. Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Further, Pursuant to Standing Order 195, the Committee on Health Services is mandated all matters related to county health services, including, in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

- a) The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Murang'a County Assembly for the necessary support extended to it in the execution of its mandate.
- b) The Chairperson of the Committee takes this opportunity to thank all Members of the committee for their diligence and obligation to making this exercise successful.
- c) The Committee wishes to record its gratitude for services rendered by the staff of the Murang'a County Assembly attached to the Committee. Their efforts and input made the work of the Committee and production of this Report possible.
- d) The committee also wishes to thank Executive Member and the entire Health Services department for their commitment.
- e) It is now my pleasant duty on behalf of the Sectorial Committee to table this report for Adoption by this house.

Thank you.

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DATE.....

24/3/16

Hon. Boniface Njihia Mbogo.

CHAIRPERSON: HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACK GROUND

In Murang'a County, Health and Sanitation Ministry is headed by Hon.Dr.Susan M Maganda.

Departmental vision

An efficient health care delivery system that will provide affordable, holistic and quality Services in Murang'a County.

Departmental mission

Establish a highly motivated, equipped and appropriately resourced workforce capable of providing high quality preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health care Services which are accessible, affordable and efficient to Murang'a residents.

Departmental Objectives

1. Eliminate communicable diseases.
2. Halt and reverse the rising burden of non-communicable diseases/conditions.
3. Reduce the burden of violence and injuries.
4. Strengthen the collaboration with other health-related sectors.
5. Minimize the exposure to health risk factors.
6. Provide other health care services.

Murang'a County is one of the five Counties in the central region with a total population of 1,004,833 (projected from the 2009 census with a growth rate of 1.6%). It covers an area of 2,325 sqkm. There are 7 sub-counties namely; Kiharu, Mathioya, Kangema, Maragua, Kigumo, Kandara and Gatanga.

Pursuant to Article 183 (3) of the Constitution which states that "***the county executive committee shall provide the county assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the county***", on 17, March, 2016 Health and Sanitation ministry Submitted to the Assembly Departmental progress report FY 2014/15 up to February 2016 that was tabled in House as required by the law.

Considering Health is an essential component of Human Development and it is enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya 2010, on 18th March 2016 the Committee on Health Services in conjunction with Officers from Health and Sanitation Department, held a meeting to deliberate and make recommendations on the progress report.

4.0 DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2015/16

During the FY 2015/16 the ministry had planned to carry out the following works

Details are well defined in the Progress report for FY 2015-2016:

- Community health workers program
- Providing adequate health commodities.
- Ensuring equity in service delivery.
- Establish an eye care and dental center of excellence.

- Anti-alcoholism campaigns.
- Health facilities equipment and machinery.
- Establishment of County Health boards and committees
- Health promotion.
- Health infrastructural.
- Control of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- Capacity building of health workforce.

5.0 PROGRESS AND CURRENT STATUS OF MURANG'A COUNTY HEALTH CARE.

1. **Community Health Volunteer Program**-Program was launched on 7th December 2015 C.E.M Health and Sanitation presided over the ceremony of over 700 volunteers (20 from each ward). This brought to a total of 1,653 active CHVs. Among this 124 were supported by Kenya Red Cross, 29 by Population Services Kenya (PSK) and 700 by Murang'a County government. During the launch, all the 700 CHVs were issued with uniforms (jackets, capes, badges) for identification during their routine volunteer work and a bag for carrying the medical kitty.
2. **Alcohol Rehabilitation Project (Gen Ihura Stadium)**- Following the order from His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta on crackdown of all second generation alcohol on 1st July, 2015, Murang'a County Government established a crisis management centre at Gen. Ihura stadium that later translated into a rehabilitation facility. A total of 1,546 individuals received an intervention of one form or another with 931 admitted for residential treatment. A total of 727 individuals completed a minimum of 3 months intensive rehabilitation that involved psych-social and clinical assessment.
3. **Murang'a County Health Bill**-Chapter IV of the constitution of Kenya requires the County government to promote realization of health rights. A health bill is therefore crucial to provide a legal framework for the management of health facilities and funds. Currently, Murang'a County Health Bill draft was prepared by all health departmental heads with the leadership of CEC and CEO health and is undergoing legal scrutiny for purposes of legal backing. The process is required to be complete by end this month and forwarded to assembly for legislation.

4. **Human Resource**

- I. **Economic Stimulus Program (ESP) workers**-An outstanding court case between Murang'a Public Service Commission vs ESP health workers was finalized in December 2015. The ruling was favorable to the 177 workers whereas they were required to be reinstated in Permanent and Pensionable from the date their contract expired. This has so far happened and the officers were paid their January salaries as per the terms. The finance department is preparing to pay the arrears accrued.

Note: the 87 health workers who had been hired during the strike were also absorbed.

- II. **County Health Management Boards and Committees**-Elections were carried out in all the health facilities within Murang'a County that saw the formation of Health Management Boards and Committees. These boards and committees were established in Kenya in 1992 by Legal Notice No.162 of the Public Health Act (Cap. 242).
- III. **Casuals**-The department has a total of 588 casuals within the County who are currently paid in the County government payroll system.
- IV. **Donor Projects initiated by Health Department:**
 - a. **Maragua hospital** (By Vidha Association) - Opening up of lung and skin clinic. This included; renovation of the skin clinic, training of 28 health care workers on

- diagnosis and management of common skin conditions and 2 years employment of a clinical officer and a health records officer.
- b. **Kandara Health Centre**-An x-ray machine and its processor worth Ksh 11,000,000 has been donated to Kandara health centre by Africa Digna through Vidha association. The County government was required to construct a room where the machines would be housed. So far this has been awarded and the contractor is almost completing the works. The donor is looking forward to launching the unit on 22nd June, 2016 and training of radiographers.
 - c. **Kamung'ang'a, Kandara, Wanjengi and Kigumo Health Facilities**-Construction and/or refurbishment of these facilities are being carried out by DANIDA below find the details:
 - Kamung'ang'a Health Centre-Construction of access ramp, waiting bay, drainage system and wards.
 - Kandara Health Centre-Refurbishment and extension of the post natal ward to create theatre facilities, equip theatre (operating table and lamp).
 - Kigumo Sub-county Hospital-Alterations and minor extensions of the existing ward block for theatre facilities.
 - Wanjengi Dispensary-Refurbishments and minor alternations of the Meternity block to create a laboratory block.
 - d. **Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)** - The objective of this health partner was to support commodity management. This involved provision of both hardware and software to health facilities pharmacies that will assist the pharmacy personnel to generate drugs orders (automatic quantification), show the expiry dates as well as stock outs. So far with the support of the County health staff, the team has managed to assess all the health facilities.
 - e. **Population Service Kenya (PSK), Kenya Red cross and Division of non-communicable diseases**-PSK Support 29 community health volunteers. They have so far trained them on how to check blood pressure and have issued each with a blood pressure machine. Each of this CHV is given a stipend of Ksh 2,000 every month.
 - f. **National Government Projects**-The National government embarked on Managed Equipment Services (MES) project that saw Murang'a County referral hospital having the following works done:
 - Refurbishment of the theatre unit and equipping it.
 - Renovation and re-organization of the Central Sterilizing Unit (CSU).
 - Construction of a unit that houses the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine and equipping it.
 - Refurbishment of the x-ray unit that also houses digital mammogram and ultra sound equipment.
 - Training of staff (2 medical engineers and one Consultant Doctor trained on MRI, two on X-ray and one on theatre machines operations. The trainings were conducted in China. Other staff (1 nurse and 2 casuals) was also trained for the central sterilizing unit in Thika.

- g. **The County Government**-Laundry machine have been purchased for Murang'a Referral hospital (55kgs), Kandara and Kirwara Sub-County hospitals 25kgs and 23kgs respectively and 13kgs for Kenneth Matiba hospital.

6.0 CHALLENGES FACED BY THE MINISTRY

1. Funding

Inadequate allocation of funds has been the biggest challenge the ministry has experienced. Aware that Health is a major pillar in social economic development for all Nations adequate funding are required to accommodate infrastructure development.

2. Capacity

Human resource has been quite a challenge-Department hereby requests for increase of level of staffing more so the specialists in all cadres.

3. Procurement/Supply of Medical commodities

To ensure sufficient, equitable and timely supply of Non-pharmaceuticals and drugs in all Health Facilities in Murang'a County, Procurement and Supply of Medical Commodities to be given first priority.

7.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS.

After scrutiny of document and engagement with Officers from Health and Sanitation Department, Health Services confirmed that the aforementioned Challenges were holding the Department down.

8.0 COMMITTEES RECCOMENDATIONS

1. That, the policies document for all the programmes factored in the budgets for FY 2015/16 to be prepared and submitted to the Assembly for consideration.
2. That, the Health and Sanitation Department to be submitting reports to the Assembly on time.
3. To ensure sufficient, equitable and timely supply of Non-pharmaceuticals and drugs in all Health Facilities in Murang'a County, Procurement and Supply of Medical Commodities to be given first priority.
4. To be able to offer prompt and efficient service, Budget and Appropriation Committee to consider allocating more funds to cater for employment of more staff in various Health centres/dispensaries. These should include employment of clinical officers, nurses, laboratory technologists, Community Oral Health Officer, Dentist and pharmaceutical technologists.
5. Health and Sanitation Department to ensure involvement of the Hospital In charges of various Health facilities in decision making process.

9.0. APPENDIX

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